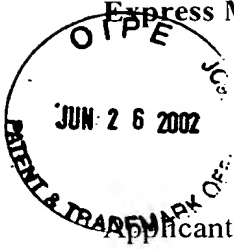


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Prior to the examination of this Application, please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At Page 1, please delete the paragraph beginning at line 3 and ending on line 5 and replace with the following paragraph:

AN This application claims the benefit of U.S. provisional application No. 60/227,973, entitled, "Arbitrating Clock Synchronization System", filed on August 25, 2000.

Remarks

Submitted herewith is a Request for Approval of Drawing Changes. Specifically, new Figures 5 and 6 have been added, and reference labels have been added to Figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 8.